

ULTRA-COMPACT AND HIGHLY PORTABLE ABSORBENT ARTICLES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A highly compact and portable absorbent article includes packaging and an absorbent article. The absorbent article may be, for example, a diaper or a sanitary napkin. The absorbent article is reconfigurable from a normal condition to a compressed condition. The normal condition is defined to be one in which the absorbent article may be used. The absorbent article has three dimensions at least one of which is reduced when the absorbent article is in the compressed condition. When in the compressed condition, the absorbent article is retained by the packaging so that the compressed condition is maintained until use. When reconfiguring, the absorbent article may be rolled or folded. From this condition, the absorbent article may then be compressed by, for example, a vacuum.